Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were there applications from private indviduals for the lease of these Survey Numbers ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I want notice.

Blocking up of public paths—Velappai Village.

358. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether the Diwan Peishkar has not received a petition from the inhabitants of the Velappai village in Mithunam 1106 or thereabouts complaining about the blocking up of two public paths by some individuls ;

(b) has the Government inquired into the allegations therein contained ; who inquired into the matter and when ;

(c) have any of the ways mentioned in the petition been blocked up and when ;

(d) what has the Government done in the matter thus far ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— (a) Yes.

(b), (c) and (d). The matter is still under enquiry. The path-ways alleged to have been blocked up are not porambokes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government know that these pathways have been long used by the public ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—They are all waste *parambas* not enclosed. Now the owners have begun to work and the matter has been referred to the Panchayat and they are going to provide a pathway.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—A pathway will be provided ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Repair of tanks—Choorakkattukara.

359. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the inhabitants of Choorakkattukara Desam in Puzhakkal village had petitioned the Government for the repair of കോട്ടപ്പാള്ളം Survey No. 286/2, and വലിയകുളം Survey No. 148/2;

(b) whether the Government is aware that these two tanks were for long serving the majority community in Choorakkattukara Desam, *viz*, Ezhuthassans ?

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Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No petition was received. But certain resolutions passed in the meeting of the 22nd Anniversary of the Ezhuthassan Samajam were received.

(b) Yes, with others.

Petition—Muslims of Vadakkancheri—water supply, etc.

360. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they received a petition from the Muslims of Vadakkancheri regarding the necessity for a wall around their burial ground and the provision of water supply for their mosque;

(b) what orders the Government were pleased to pass thereon; and

c) when the orders were passed ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao —(a) Yes.

(b) The order was "The petitioners' request to erect a compound wall round the mosque and to deepen the existing well or to introduce pipe system to bring water from the canal at Government expense cannot be sanctioned."

(c) 27th July 1931.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(c) Were the orders communicated to the petitioners ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not in a position to answer that just now. I want notice.

Quran and Arabic teacher—High School, Irinjalakkuda.

361. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say.—

(a) whether they have received petitions from the Muslims of Irinjalakkuda requesting for the appointment of a Quran and an Arabic teacher in the Sirkar High School, Irinjalakkuda;

(b) when those petitions were received ; and

(c) how they were disposed of ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) A petition has been received.

(b) On 19th August 1931.

(c) Government sanction has been obtained for creating the post of a Quran teacher in the High School, Irinjalakkuda. A Quran teacher will be appointed shortly.

No necessity for the appointment of an Arabic Pandit is felt now.

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